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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER SIT-IN AT TASS NEWS AGENCY

REF: USUN 611

1. WE HAVE RECIEVED NOTEVERBALE FROM SMUN PROTESTING
AGAINST DEMONSTRATION BY MEMBERS OF BETAR AT TASS NEWS
AGENCY MORNING OF RFEB 18. TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE
INFORMAL TRANSLATION: SOVIET MISSION NOTE #107 TO USUN,
FEBRUARY 18, 1976

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE
UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:
AT 11:30 IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18, A GROUP OF 13
AMERICAN ZIONISTS BURST INTO THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF THE
SOVIET TELEGRAPH AGENCY (TASS) (50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA).
MEMBEERS OF THIS GROUP YELLED ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS, SCATTERED
LEAFLETS HOSTILE IN CONTENT AND COMMITTED EXCESSES INTERFERING
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WITH THE NORMAL WORK OF THE NEW YORK TASS OFFICE.

FOR 2 HOURS THE POLICE CALLED TO THE SCENE TOOK NO ACTION, THUS FOSTERING THE PROLONGATION OF THE EXCESSES OF THE ANTI-SOVIET-MINDED PERSONS.

YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MASS INFORMATION MEDIA OF NEW YORK APPEARED ON THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT AT THE SAME TIME AS THE INTRUSION OF THE GROUP MENTIONED. THIS BEARS WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT THIS ACTION WAS APPARENTLY PLANNED AND ORGANIZED IN ADVANCE.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THAT, IN THE LAST PART OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1976 ALONE, 3 PROTEST NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE US MISSION RELATIVE TO UNCEASING OUTRAGES AGAINST THE USSR MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, AS THE ABOVE INDICATES, TO THE PRESENT TIME THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE BANNING AND SUPPRESSION OF OUTRAGES AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK.

IN INFORMING THE US MISSION TO THE UN OF THE ABOVE-STATED, THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN LODGES THE STRONGEST PROTEST AND DEMANDS THAT THE PERSONS GUILTY OF THIS CRIMINAL SORTIE AGAINST THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF TASS BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AGAIN URGENTLY DEMANDS THE TAKING OF ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING THOSE OF A PREVENTIVE NATURE, FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK, AND OF THEIR OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FROM SIMILAR HOSTILE ACTS ON THE PART OF KNOWN ELEMENTS. UNQUOTE

2. WE WERE INFORMED TODAY BY TOM EDWARDS, CHIEF OF CRIMINAL DIVISION, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR HEARING FOR THOSE ARRESTED IN DEMONSTRATION. INFORMATION PAPERS ARE BEING PREPARED IN OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY AND WE WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS DATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR HEARING.

3. COPY SOVIET NOTE BEING POUCHED DEPT, AMEMBASSY MOSCOW AND AMCONGEN Leningrad.
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